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AMENDMENT**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, in which the Examiner rejected Claims 1-12, 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as anticipated by Preisner et al, Applicant submits the enclosed translation of the German application DE 31758.1 filed July 15, 1998 and corresponding statement of accuracy of the translation. The Examiner previously acknowledged clarification of the chain of priority for this Application going back to the aforementioned German application. By this paper and translation submitted herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection to the Claims be withdrawn as Applicant believes the claim to priority has now been perfected.

For the Examiner's convenience, a complete set of pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.